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## HIBERNIANS.

### What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

Division 2 meets tomorrow afternoon. The officers of Division 2 come from nearly all sections of the city. President Will Meehan will step down tomorrow after ten years' faithful service. In him Division 2 had a splendid executive.

That a step may have been taken forward when the new year bells ring Division 4 of Minneapolis initiated a class of twenty-five last Tuesday night.

Divisions 10 and 17 of Valley Falls, R. I., are arranging for a great joint installation of officers on January 11 in connection with the reception to be tendered State President John Dillon.

The members of Division 2 are predicting great things for Con Ford, their new President. Con says that with their aid the coming year will witness the largest growth in the history of the division.

The agitation against the "stage Irishman" already bears fruit. Two variety actors who insisted upon doing the common stage caricature were hissed from the stage in the opera house at Waterbury, Conn.

Seven divisions will participate in the union ball to be given by Washington Hibernians early in January. There is every reason to believe that it will be so successful that it will long be remembered as a Hibernian holiday in the national capital.

The following candidates were initiated by Division 4 last Sunday: Daniel J. Hartnett, John J. Toomey, Frank Meagher, William Coyne, Edward F. Crowley, Dennis Gleason, John Mangan and John Hanrahan. The division also has about fifteen more candidates to be received in the near future.

National President Dolan has submitted an abridged history of Ireland for approbation to Bishop Ludden, of Syracuse, with a view to having it taught in the parochial schools of the diocese and throughout the United States. The President's action is in accordance with resolutions adopted at the Denver convention urging the necessity for such history.

Division 4 held a rousing meeting last Sunday afternoon, there being a large attendance present, not only of members of Division 4, but of visitors from the other three divisions, there being much interest in witnessing the debut of the new degree team. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that their work could not be improved upon. County President Sullivan in a speech especially complimented them, saying they deserved especial praise, it being their first attempt.

By the destruction by fire of the opera house the Hibernians and Ladies' Auxiliary of Stillwater, Minn., sustained a heavy loss, all their banners, flags, regalia and uniforms for the degree teams being totally destroyed, together with a valuable upright piano, upon none of which was there any insurance. With commendable grit, however, both are preparing to replace everything lost, and the indications are that they will be in better condition than ever in a short time.

At a very pleasant meeting of the Hamilton division Sunday afternoon, December 14, the presentation occurred of the fine American silk flag which that body so well won at the Ohio State convention last August for being the largest body in the parade at Springfield. The presentation was made by Clark County President John Coleman, and the well won trophy was accepted by President Connaughton. A banquet followed, a fine time was enjoyed and the visiting members were splendidly entertained. The meeting was characterized with songs and recitations and it was a rare time throughout.

President Hennessey appointed the following committees for Division 4 for the ensuing term: Sick—James Kenaley, William Ausbro and Mike Welsh. Literary—John J. Barry, John J. Grogan and Thomas Langan. President Hennessey appointed John Barry official reporter for the division at the special request of Joseph P. McGinn. Joseph P. Woods and Thomas Langan were appointed a committee to secure members for a Hibernian military company. The Literary Committee were instructed to arrange some entertainment feature for the next regular meeting of the division, Wednesday, January 14. President Hennessey was chosen a committee of one to have five masses said for the souls of the deceased members of the division.

### CHRISTMAS RECEPTION.

All arrangements have been completed by Father Pelton and his congregation for the Christmas tree and reception for poor colored children at St. Augustine's church, Fourteenth and Broadway, which takes place Sunday. Father Pelton does not ask for money, but would greatly appreciate donations of clothing, eatables, toys and such things as would give the children joy on this occasion. They may be left at the rectory adjoining the church.

### CAN YOU SEE?

Does it ever strike you that in our very matter-of-fact age, we are just a trifle apt to look at things from a useful point of view only, and to forget or not notice the beautiful side of them? Sometimes we are all a little inclined to walk along like horses in blinkers, without using our eyes sufficiently to find out the beauties that are apt to be found all along the ways of life. Are we not a little disposed to consider more the "information" side of everything? How much more desirous are we to instruct the young as to the date of a building, the style of its architecture, the history connected with it, than we are to draw their attention to the grace and beauty of tower and pinnacle, the flashing sun-

light and gray cool shade upon the stone; the sense of old worldness, which to the imaginative soul clings about old buildings. Facts are important matters, but it is important, too, that children should gain an idea of the beauty and poetry of a building as well as the knowledge of its date and history.

## VERY NEAT

### Is the Fourth Number of Miss Miller's Christmas Journal.

Christmas Journal has made its fourth annual appearance. Editorially and typographically it is something to be proud of. From cover to cover it is worth reading. Advertisements, usually dull and prosaic, are made bright, partly from the scintillations of the well known writers who have contributed and in a great measure from the manner in which the "ads" are written.

Of course that inimitable little lady journalist, who has many imitators but no equal, Miss Elvira Sydnor Miller, is the mainspring of the Christmas Journal. Nature reversed herself when she failed to have Miss Miller either of Irish birth or descent. However she has one quality "equally as good," as the Republican politician would say, she loves the Irish. In fact Miss Miller loves the distressed, the oppressed of every land. Her wit is bright and her sarcasm sharp. When she goes after anybody she uses, speaking from a journalistic standpoint, a sugar coated pill or a rapier instead of a bludgeon, but you are just as dead when she gets through with you and your corpse is not all disfigured.

Well, Miss Miller is the editor and Frank G. Drewery is the publisher of Christmas Journal, and they have certainly earned the patronage of the public on the issue of their book this year. Some of the ablest writers in the country and others not so well known, but who are just as much in earnest, have contributed articles for Christmas Journal, not for gold but because they admire Miss Miller and Frank Drewery.

Among the contributors are Lucien V. Rule, Will S. Hays, James Whitcomb Riley and Madison Cawein, all poets of national reputation; G. E. Johnson, Will W. Douglas, R. Burge Toney, Charles Dobbs, Maley Bainbridge Shaw, Miss Jewel Drewery, John Duncan, Brent Allsheler, Bert Finck, Wilbur F. Gearhart, Hanly Ragan, Leigh Gordon Giltner, Edwin Carlisle Litsey, Paul Kratz, Walter Matthews and Bernard P. J. Kavanagh. Mr. Kavanagh's story is a very brief sketch entitled "The Good Old Irish Mother." There is no attempt at literary effusion in this very brief story. Mr. Kavanagh simply tries to show that while there is no one in any household like a mother, the Irish mother is the best and most philosophical of all.

### FATHER FOWLER GOES AWAY.

Very Rev. Father J. D. Fowler will leave for New York City tomorrow morning, where he will attend a meeting of the Dominican priors. Father Fowler will visit his parents who reside there, before he returns to Louisville.

### HINTS ON STYLE.

Nets of various kinds in white, black and colors are favorite materials for evening gowns, and some very attractive gowns are made of tulle.

Chiffon velvet is one of the new materials and is particularly attractive for evening gown combinations. It is also very popular because of its delicate texture.

The present mode of inserting lace in net adds untold variety to the net gowns, while the beautiful embroideries enrich the plain satins to the highest point of elaboration.

French knots, always effective if neatly done, have not lost a whit of their popularity and prettier effects than ever are made by using two threads, one of white and one of black, or two shades of one color.

Some little touch of gold appears on many of the very latest model gowns, and it is because there is so little of it that it adds so much to the scheme of decoration. A delicate bit of gold on black gowns, too, is very attractive.

Chiffon has some part in almost every gown, whether it is for evening or day wear, and shirrings of all kinds are in order. In fact almost any kind of dainty handwork in open stitches, hemstitching and tucking is applied to evening gowns.

In the embroidered bands there is endless variety, including all kinds of Oriental patterns and colorings worked out on silk, besides the bands of canvas covered with a combination of hand painting, ribbon, embroidery and a scattering of beads of some sort.

One thing, which makes the velvet gowns so superior this season is the light weight of the fabric itself and the mode of trimming with dainty laces and embroideries which lighten the effect still more, so they lose that heavy appearance which in the old days relegated the velvet gown to the province of the dowager.

The benefit of the variety in modes is nowhere more apparent than in the skirts, which may be plaited and shirred if you have a slim, fine figure, while for the woman of more generous proportions the plainer fitted skirt is the thing, so long as it has the approved flare at the feet. Again if she objects to the close-fitting hip style her skirt may be plain at the band and still swing out easily and gracefully from the figure.

We may talk a lot about fashions going out and coming in, but they are merely put upon a shelf for a time to be revived again at some later period. Fringes of all sorts and kinds have come back to us from the past and with them cord passementeries and fancy falling ends of jet and paste, which are called pampilles and used on coats. At the end of some of these fancy cords jotted ornaments in the form of fir cones dangle.

## IRELAND.

### Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Culled From Exchanges.

No definite conclusion has been reached on the matter of the proposed international boat race at Cork.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has subscribed \$500 to the Dublin Mansion House coal fund for the poor of the city.

A tramp painter named McGann, was arrested near Nenagh on the charge of rifling a money box in St. Bridgid's church.

At the Cork police office Daniel Dennehy, of Margaret Place, was acquitted of the charge of having attempted to set fire to his house.

Three weeks ago a young girl named Mary Coffey, employed at the Ormonde Hotel in Clonmel, disappeared rather mysteriously and has not since been heard of.

John Roche, M. P., and four others have been served with summonses under the coercion act for speeches delivered last month at Knockroghy, County Roscommon.

The grand jury at the Munster assizes passed resolutions to the effect that, in view of the peaceful and crimeless condition of the country, the time had arrived for the revoking of the crimes act.

The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, has received a letter from the Chief Secretary setting forth the decision arrived at in connection with the technical instruction grants which are to continue.

The Cork United Trades Association passed a resolution against the boycotting of hunting by the United Irish League on the ground that such a course would be to seriously injure trade and labor interests.

The Town Clerk of Belfast authorizes the contradiction of the published report that the Lord Mayor, Sir Daniel Dixon, said the Lord Lieutenant had informed him that the King and Queen would visit Ireland next year.

James Lynham, organizer for the United Irish League, who was sentenced to six months in jail for refusing to find bail for his good behavior in consequence of a speech he delivered in Galway, has been released from Kilmalmain jail. A number of Irish Nationalists met him at the jail gates.

Mary Collins, housekeeper for Curates Fathers Wardley and McKillop, near Killeen, died as the result of terrible burns. Her clothing caught fire while she was cooking dinner and the poor girl fled screaming from the house. The two priests followed her and managed to extinguish the flames, but not before she had been fatally burned.

At the Connaught winter assizes at Sligo, John Logue, a member of the mounted branch of the Royal Irish Constabulary, was indicted for the murder of Maria McCormack at Curragh, County Galway. The jury found that the accused was insane when he committed the murder, and he was sent to a criminal lunatic asylum.

Timothy Harrington, M. P., Lord Mayor of Dublin, speaking at Belfast, appealed to the Irish Nationalists to be faithful to their representatives. If they were loyal to the Irish cause the land question, which lay at the root of all evils, would soon disappear from controversy. He hoped a strong feeling of sympathy between the different classes would then spring up, and that there would be added to the forces of the national movement many men hitherto opposed to them.

### QUIET RESTING PLACES.

There is always peace in the heart that is conscious of God's presence. "It is because we do not know that He is with us," some one has said, "and more than half doubt that He is anywhere, that we become nervous, irritable, uneasy and unhappy." It is possible to reach such a height of faith as to find perfect freedom from the petty perplexities and daily cares and small worries which produce mental restlessness and physical disease. From these rare attitudes a man looks down on the troubles of life with calm indifference and looks up to God with serene trust. The experience of life can not seriously disturb a soul to whom the infinite seems close by. Heaven has always begun in such a heart. Our Divine Lord's "Peace, be still," has been uttered over all the billows that threaten to toss the bark. It has inward rest whatever be the outward commotion. Environment is a small matter to him who contemplates the Almighty. Not easy of attainment is this point of vantage from which to survey the world, the perfect poise of complete faith, but it is well worth what it costs.

### EUCHRE AND DANCE.

Trinity Council, Y. M. I., held its regular meeting last Monday night. President Piazza occupied the chair. John J. Sullivan, Jr., who was ill, was reported well and able to be out, but the members were pained to learn of the illness of Dr. Phil Bente, Jr. Committees were appointed to draft appropriate resolutions on the deaths of L. Zimmerman's father, and the son of F. H. Bosse. Trinity Council will give a euchre and dance during the second week in January.

### CRUSHED SURE ENOUGH.

Father O'Leary, a well known Catholic priest and wit, was on very friendly terms with his neighbor, the Church of England vicar. They met on the road one day, when the vicar said excitedly: "Oh, Father O'Leary, have you heard the awful news?" "No," said the priest, "what is it, at all?" "Something awful," said the vicar. "The bottom has fallen out of purgatory and all the Catholics have tumbled into hell!" "Oh, dear! oh, dear!" said Father O'Leary, "what a crushing the poor Protestants must have got!"



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